

Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission

Executive Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 5:30 pm
240 North Court Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701**

Adopted Minutes

Present: Michael Mandel, Marian Amoroso-Benedetto

Absent: Anna Harper, Carol Dow

Staff: Jessie Baxter, Executive Director

- 1) **Call to order/roll call** – Mandel called meeting to order at 5:30pm. Baxter called roll, documented above. Quorum was established.
- 2) **Call to the public** – Mandel called to public at 5:35pm. No public present.
- 3) **Review and approve minutes from past Executive Committee meeting 10/7/09** - Amoroso-Benedetto motioned to approve minutes as they are, Second by Mandel; passed unanimously.
- 4) **Review and approve October 2009 financials** - Amoroso-Benedetto motioned to approve financials with changes to incomes lines, Second by Mandel; passed unanimously.
- 5) **Advocacy discussions**
 - a) **Propositions 200, 401, and 402** – Mandel lead discussion regarding outcomes for Props 200, 401, and 402. Amoroso-Benedetto noted that she was surprised by the margin by which 200 was defeated. Mandel noted that PCTWC was on a No on 200 mail piece that was distributed. Mandel also commented that he was disappointed by the results of 401 and 402.
 - b) **Upcoming advocacy needs/opportunities** – Mandel suggested we closely watch the results of Prop 400 and be prepared to respond if it fails. Amoroso-Benedetto suggested the possibility of a guest column/opinion piece from the Commission. Mandel suggested this was a time for coalition building and depending on the results of the election this may be a time for us to be in contact with other city funded outside agencies that would be affected.
- 6) **HR update**
 - a) **Staff insurance** – Baxter reported that we have lost our group status with our current health insurance provider and suggested we look at alternatives. Amoroso-Benedetto made a motion that the Commission will change healthcare policies for employee(s). Employees will now pay 5% of healthcare premiums monthly; Second by Mandel; passed unanimously. Amoroso-Benedetto made a motion that due to the loss of our group status the ED will look into and purchase new health insurance not to exceed the currently monthly rate of \$340.00, Second by Mandel; passed unanimously.
 - b) **Contact with consultant** – Mandel reported that he had sent an email to proposed consultant Sandra Abby and was waiting for a reply.
- 7) **Commissioner recruitment** – Mandel reported that we are still seeking Commissioners from County District 1, City Ward One, Three, Six and from the Mayors office.
- 8) **Hope Fest – Office Space** – Baxter reported that Hope Fest had approached the Commission to request free office space for one year in order to help them better organize and prepare for the upcoming Hope Fest. Mandel noted that the Commission has done similar deals in the past with organizations like WREN. Amoroso-Benedetto made a motion to offer Hope Fest space for one year with the possibility to terminate

the agreement with 30 days notice and for recognition as a Hope Fest sponsor; Second by Mandel; passed unanimously.

- 9) **Open Meeting Laws – social networking sites** – Baxter reported that the most recent edition of the Arizona Ombudsman Citizens' Aide had an article discussing Social Networking and Open Government. Baxter suggested a safeguard would be to limit who had access to post on PCTWC FaceBook group wall, etc.

10) Committee and Staff Reports

- a) **Advocacy Committee** - Amoroso-Benedetto announced the next Advocacy Committee meeting would be Monday, November 9th at 5:00pm.
- b) **Development Committee** – Baxter reported that the Development Committee is not currently meeting but Commission Lewers has been moving ahead with the updated website.
- c) **Young Women's Leadership Committee** – YWL Committee is not currently meeting due to lack of Commissioners on committee.
- d) **Executive Director** – Baxter reported that we have successfully completed and submitted all quarterly reporting for City and County. Baxter also gave an update on status of current tenant and the building as well as distribution numbers for DV guides in October.

- 11) **Adjourn** - Amoroso-Benedetto made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm; Second by Mandel; passed unanimously.